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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCE's (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

Application Number	09/997,586
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Group Art Unit	2823
Examiner Name	Hsien Ming Lee
Attorney Docket Number	5051-575

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), Form PTO-1449 and 1 cited reference
- iv. ☒ Other **Remarks Accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE)**

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)
- d. ☒ If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**REMARKS ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Sir:

The present RCE is being filed to allow the Examiner to reconsider the pending claims in light of U.S. Patent 5,629,838 to Knight et al., which was cited by the Examiner in the Official Action of April 21, 2004, and which was addressed by Applicants in their Request for Reconsideration After Final Action that was filed on May 5, 2004.

In particular, in the Request for Reconsideration After Final Action that was filed on May 5, 2004, the undersigned stated:

In contrast, the Knight et al. patent is entitled *Apparatus for Non-Conductively Interconnecting Integrated Circuits Using Half Capacitors*. The Knight et al. patent is replete with references to "half-capacitors", and a key word search reveals that the Knight et al. patent does not include the word "inductor" or the word "inductors". Thus, for example, the reference numbers (14, 15) of Knight et al. that were cited by the Official Action are used by Knight et al. to refer to "half-capacitors". There is one irrelevant mention of the word "inductive" at Knight et al. Column 30, line 7. Accordingly, there does not appear to be a basis in Knight et al. for an anticipation rejection or an obviousness rejection of the rejected claims. (Emphasis added.)

Upon further review of the Knight et al. patent, the undersigned became aware that, although the above-underlined language in the undersigned's remarks may be factually correct, it may be factually incomplete. In particular, upon further review, the undersigned became aware that the undersigned did not perform the word search of Knight et al. to find any words containing the root "induct" (such as "inductor",

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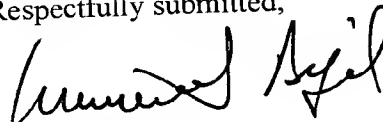
"inductive", "inductance", etc.) and for the synonym "coil". The undersigned now has performed this word search. The results of this word search are being submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement, filed concurrently, with these words highlighted in **yellow**. This word search indicates that there are multiple uses of the root word "induct" and the word "coil" in Knight et al.

The undersigned regrets the error(s) in the word search, and apologizes for any inconvenience this has created.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request reexamination of the pending claims in the RCE, and allowance of the present application.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,



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